ters are being constructed in rural areas of Delhi.

(c) The work is likely to be completed within the next three months.

(d) Does not arise.

Vacant posts of judges in Rajasthan High Court

324. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:
SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the vacant posts of judges in Rajasthan High Court have been filled up;

(b) if not, the number of posts of lying vacant at present and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the Government propose to fill up the vacant posts;

(d) the number of pending cases in Rajasthan High Court and the present age of cases lying pending for more than one year; five years and ten years;

(e) whether the Government propose to create some new posts of judges keeping in view the pending cases;

(f) if so, the details in this regard; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). The sanctioned strength of the Rajasthan High Court is 22 permanent Judges and 3 Additional Judges are in present, all the permanent/ Additional Judges are in position.

(d) As on 31.12.1990, 83185 cases were pending in the Rajasthan High Court. Of them, 42731 cases were over one year (51.3%) 14286 were over five years (17.1%) and 2151 were over 10 years (2.5%).

(e) to (g). The Government have decided to create 3 new posts of Additional Judges in the Rajasthan High Court to facilitate disposal of the pending cases. The question of creating more posts can be considered if and when a proposal is received from the Government of Rajasthan is consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court.

[*English*]

Agricultural Advances Written off by Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank

325. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state:

(a) the total advances as on October 2, 1989 under the agricultural advances through service cooperative societies made by each of the branches of Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank;

(b) the amount written off by the Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990, so far; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries whose loan has been written off by each branch of the said Cooperative Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have

reported that their data reporting system does not generate the information in the manner asked for. However, the number of beneficiaries and the amount written off by Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) scheme, 1990 in the two districts of Andaman and Nicobar are indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of district	*No. of beneficiaries*	*Amount*
Andaman district	1274	19.98
Nicobar district	6	0.16
Total	1280	20.14

Passenger-Cum-Cargo ships for Andaman and Nicobar Administration

326. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT to be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had placed order for building of three passenger cum cargo ships on Poland Shipyard for Andaman and Nicobar Administration;

(b) if so, whether one such ship delivered recently has got manufacturing defects;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(d) whether any inspection has been conducted during the manufacturing stage of other ships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c). All new vessels constructed experience some teething problems which are usually resolved during the guarantee period of one year. The defects/deficiencies noticed on the first passenger cum cargo vessel M.V. Nicobar have been reported to the Shipyard and these are being rectified continually. The entire cost involved in such rectification of defects noticed during the guarantee period of one year of the vessel will be met by the Shipyard.

(d) & (e). The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., who are supervising the construction of these three ships, has maintained a team of four engineers at the Shipyard throughout the period of construction of the vessels, and their job is to daily inspect, monitor and test the machinery and equipment as they are being installed and commissioned. The defects observed on the first vessel are in the normal course passed on to these engineers who then take care that these defects/deficiencies are not being repeated on the remaining vessels.

Persons arrested for evasion of Excise Duty in Bombay

327. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state: